

## IMPRESSIONS AT THE OMAHA CONVENTION.

To the Editor of THE ADVOCATE.

If I should live to be as old as Methuselah, I should never forget the feelings and emotions awakened in my breast by that glorious outburst of simultaneous and genuine enthusiasm caused by the reading and adoption of the platform at the national convention of the People's party at Omaha.

First, I, like everybody else, shouted and waved my handkerchief. Then I paused, and it seemed to me I could see the whole country, every state of the Union, all within the range of my vision, and it seemed that the people were about to erect a temple in a place in front of me, where some great event or ceremony was to be enacted. Then I heard music, and between the playing of the band and the glad shouting of the multitude, I heard other voices than those around me. They fell upon my ears like one sad, despairing wail of distress coming from the tolling millions, who were raising their voices to heaven against the wrongs which they were suffering from their oppressors. At times it seemed like the wail of hungry children crying for bread, or, again, the complaint of thousands of older children, who were doomed to long hours of work and insufficient food. I also heard the bitter cry of distress from thousands of women doomed to work for wages insufficient to decently feed and clothe them. Again, I heard the sullen cry of discontent from millions of farmers, their wives and children, who, despite the hardest toll and bitter privations, were growing poorer from year to year. Then a louder cry came from thousands of workmen in towns and factories; it grew resolute and determined as it became louder and stronger. It came from the farm, it came from the mine, it came from the south, the north, the east, the west. The voices shouted: "We are coming; we are coming. We will help you save the country—save the nation."

Then the scene changed, and men from every state ran up to the place where a temple was to be erected, as though they were entering into a most solemn compact. They said: "We will build a temple; the foundation shall be justice, the walls equal rights to all, special privileges to none. The top shall be open to the good influences of heaven, so that love and charity for the ignorant and weak shall become the guiding principle of the people. Then, with a grand rush, the people from all the states and territories of the Union came up to the temple and pledged themselves to carry out and promulgate those grand and noble principles to which the temple had been dedicated. There was a noble rivalry among the states for the honor to be first, and the distinction of holding their banner the highest.

Then, after pledging themselves in the most sacred and impressive manner, the spirit moved them to go around and proclaim to everyone what they had done. And the spirit of fraternity, of universal love and good will hovered over all the people, and the people hastened to proclaim their good intentions. They marched around the country, brothers from the south with their brothers from the north, the boys in blue with the boys in gray, the black men with the white men, the mechanic with the farmer, the dwellers in the cities with those who dwell in the country, all filled with one strong predominating desire to restore the country to the condition the great and good men who founded the government intended it to be. And I looked up and behold, I saw George Washington among the throng, and it was 1776.

I closed my eyes, thinking I was deceived, and I heard Thomas Jefferson speak in a voice of thunder: "All men are created free and equal, and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights—among them life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;" and a thousand strong voices added: "This means that men must have equal opportunities to the natural resources of nature, must have the privilege to work and keep that which they produce by their labor." Then I heard Abraham Lincoln say: "This shall be a government of the people, by the people and for the people;" and I heard a voice like that of the angel, Gabriel, shout: "Amen, let all the people say amen." As I opened my eyes and looked toward the place where the voice was heard, I saw a man holding an open bible high above his head, indicating that all this was the true declaration of the holy book. Then I beheld many good and noble women who have done much for the oppressed people come and join the procession. They marched and shouted, the band played, but through all the din I heard in firm, steady tones: We are coming, we are coming, the toilers of the land.

To save this glorious country from the robber's hand.

Then the music changed; a joyous melody louder than all the others broke out, "Glory to God, the highest; peace on earth and good will towards all men."

I felt that the thoughts and emotions so spontaneously developed by the reading and adoption of the platform, and the feeling so fervently expressed by the prolonged demonstrations of the vast audience, was a nucleus of force and energy that would never rest until this work of establishing perfect justice between man and man is accomplished.

I felt glad that I had enjoyed the high privilege of being there; proud that I could do my humble share in the glorious work of emancipating the nation from the power of plutocratic oppression.

I consecrated myself anew to the service of improving the condition of my fellowmen; of establishing the kingdom of heaven on earth. DREAMER.

## PEOPLE'S PARTY RESOLUTIONS.

They Make Arrangements to Raise Campaign Funds.

OMAHA, Neb., July 5.—Before the national central committee adjourned this afternoon these resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the national committee of the People's party request the reform press to urge with all its force and influence that on the 24th of July, or as much earlier as possible, every People's party club and labor organization in the United States meet and collect funds for the national campaign; that they then adjourn to meet again on the 16th of August, the anniversary of the battle of Bennington, the first battle of the American revolution, and that on that day meetings be held in every township to collect funds for the national campaign, since without funds we cannot hope to make the fight for reform with any hope of success. The people must sustain this campaign with their means as well as their votes or it may fail, and with it the hopes of the people for justice and prosperity in this and in future generations. The meetings in country districts shall be held at 10 o'clock a. m., and the meetings in villages and cities at 8 o'clock p. m. All money collected shall at once be transmitted to M. C. Rankin, of Terre Haute, Ind., treasurer of the national committee of the People's party, and we suggest that on the said 16th day of August the people devote the day to this great work in speeches and festivities. And we further request that at each of such meetings a finance committee shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to make a thorough canvass of the township or precinct for contributions; and in addition to the above method of

raising money we hereby establish four funds, to be known as the "ten dollar campaign fund," the "five dollar campaign fund," the "one dollar campaign fund," and the "fifty cent campaign fund," and we request that all friends of the cause who are able to do so shall send their names and contributions direct to our treasurer, to be published in the reform press of the respective states; provided, that contributions to these fund shall be allowed, if they desire to do so, to pay in monthly installments.

We also urge that every speaker for the People's party shall take up collections for our national campaign fund wherever they may address the people.

We would also urge that the ladies who are in sympathy with the People's party in the respective states shall be urged and requested by the reform press to form clubs for the collection of funds and the forwarding of our work.

The national committee of the People's party says to its friends that there is a reasonable probability that the party will sweep the country and elect their candidates for president and vice president, if they are given means enough to put speakers in the field and supply the people with campaign literature.

A striking evidence of the revolution now going on is found in the fact that a Kentucky delegate offered the following resolution, and it was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the People's party of the United States earnestly request the women of the country to organize at once and help us in this contest, because we are fighting to save not only them and ourselves, but the coming generations from plutocratic slavery.

H. E. TAUBENHECK, Chairman.  
M. C. RANKIN, Treasurer.  
J. H. TURNER, Secretary.

A millionaire manufacturer of agricultural implements at Indianapolis has presented his daughter with a check for \$100,000 as a wedding gift. He is one of those poor infants whom the McKinley tariff "protects" at the expense of the farmer.—Keokuk Constitution-Democrat.

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